

# ***MINUTES***

***Yearly Meeting***

***of***

***Southeast Missouri***

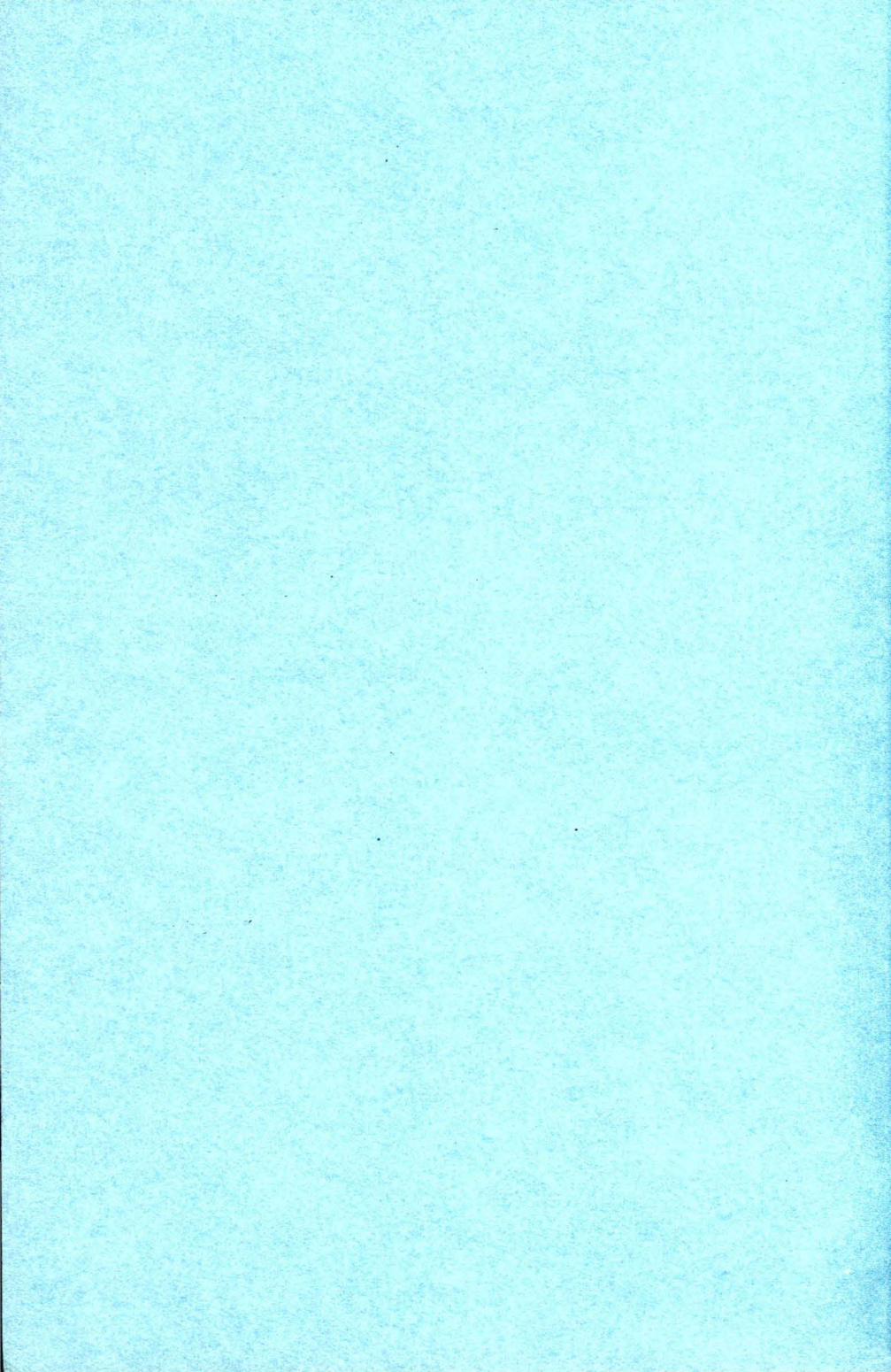
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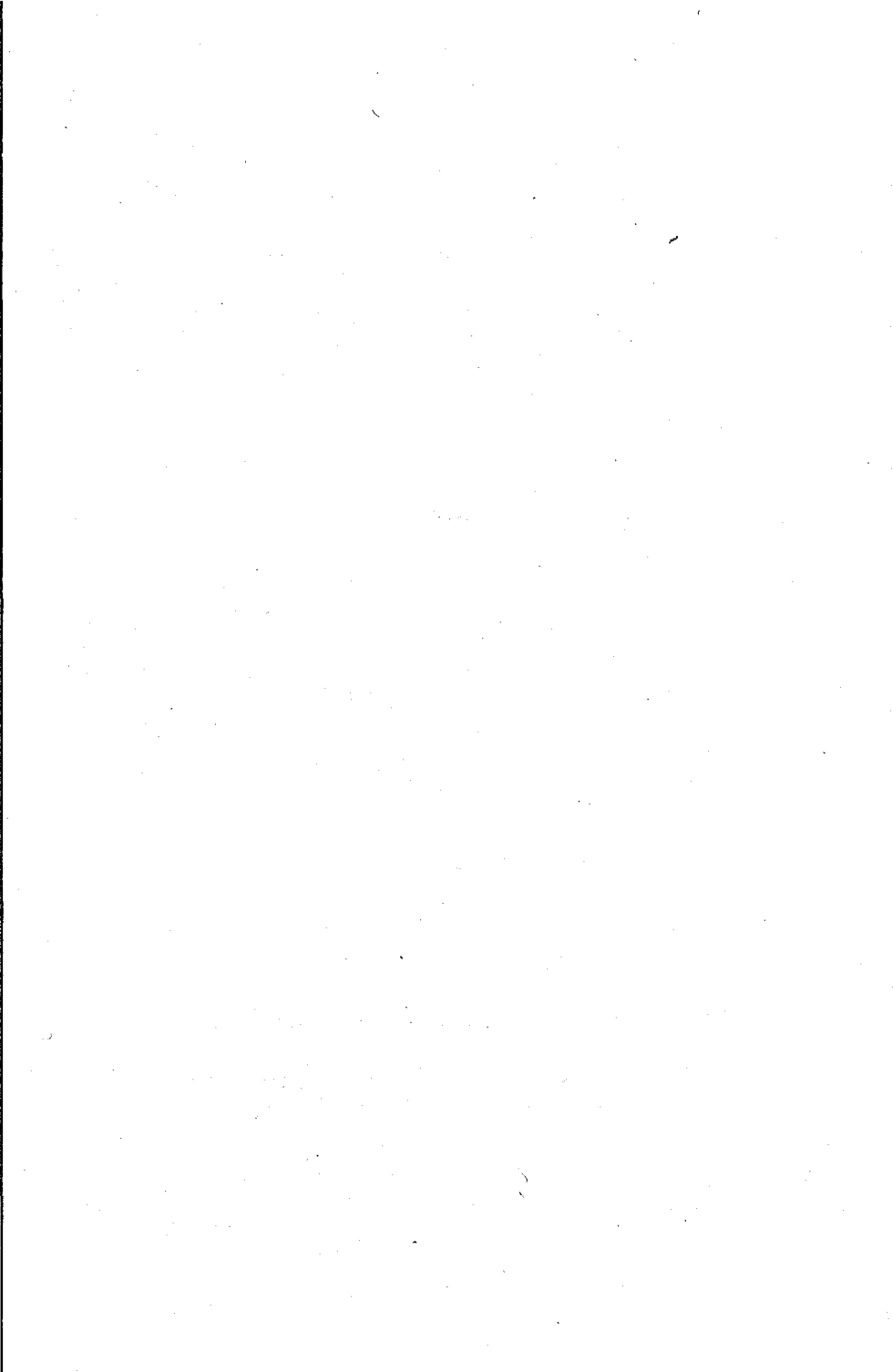


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When Convened With  
FREDERICKTOWN  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Fredericktown, Missouri

Rev. W. C. Day, Host Pastor

The 1956 Session of Yearly Meeting to  
convene with Leadington Church  
Leadington, Missouri  
August 9-11, 1956



# **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING**

## **OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Rev. Rolla Smith
Assistant Moderator .....	Flat River, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Rev. John Long
Statistician .....	Desloge, Missouri
.....	Rev. Albert Halbrook
.....	Mine LaMotte, Missouri
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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. H. C. Beasley .....	3 Years
Rev. Glen Rehkop .....	2 Years
Rev. James Franklin .....	1 Year

## **PROCEEDINGS**

The 62nd session of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist convened with Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown, Missouri, August 11-13 1955.

The Thursday evening service began with singing of hymn No. 128, "Jesus Saves" and No. 70, "His Way With Thee", led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. The Clerk presented Rev. James Barker as Moderator. Welcome address was given by Bro. Harold Baldwin with response by Bro. Clell Pruett.

The Moderator appointed a temporary pulpit committee as follows: Bro. Oscar Sheppard, Bro. Tom Wright, and Bro. Avery DeWitt.

Congregational hymn No. 168 "Send The Light" was sung after which Rev. O. D. Matthews read scripture from Eph. 6 and offered prayer.

Rev. Willard Darnell delivered the introductory message, his scripture was Matthew 7:13-14, and subject was "Walking With God or Satan Which?" After the message an invitational hymn No. 203 "Jesus I Come" was sung. The Moderator announced that Rev. Don Ellis had been chosen to deliver the 11:00 o'clock message Friday. After announcements by the host pastor, benediction was offered by Bro. Leamon Killian.

## FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

In the absence of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator services were called to order by Clerk Rev. Albert Halbrook, with singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop of hymn No. 208 "Showers of Blessings." Devotional conducted by Rev. John Long with reading of scripture from Psalm 62, followed by prayer. Hymn No. 206, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

The Clerk read Article III of the Constitution and asked for the standing delegates to stand with their responsibility.

The Ass't Clerk read the letters from Madison County and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, and the absentee delegates were replaced by appointments. The standing delegates were asked for a motion to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Motion made and carried. Clerk charged the elected delegates with their responsibility during this session of the Yearly Meeting. Led in prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Rev. Rolla Smith, Moderator; Rev. John Long, Assistant Moderator; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook; Statistician Rev. Albert Halbrook. Rev. H. C. Beasley elected as a member of the Executive Board for a period of three years.

A letter from the Cave Springs Association was read stating Rev. and Mrs. Beatty as their corresponding messengers. Motion made and sustained to accept the letter as information after which Rev. and Mrs. Beatty expressed their appreciation at being present.

Rev. Glen Rehkop led in the singing of hymns No. 203 "The Way Of The Cross Leads Home" No. 168 "Send The Light," No. 160 "Standing On The Promises, and No. 161, "Stepping In The Light."

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Committees as follows: Bro's Harold Baldwin, Arnold Stone, and Rev. Don Ellis. The Business Committee was as follows: Rev. Willard Day, Rev. H. C. Beasley, Rev. Willard Darnell, Rev. Glen Rehkop and Bro. Avery DeWitt.

Statisticians report was read and received by motion.

Benediction: Rev. H. C. Beasley.

## 11:00 O'CLOCK

Services called to order by Moderator with singing of hymn No. 50 "Count Your Blessings," led by Rev. Glen

Rehkop. Prayer by Sis. Don Ellis followed by hymn No. 97, "Higher Ground."

A report from the Committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See Reports).

Prayer by Bro. Leamon Killian followed by hymn No. 47, "There Is Power In The Blood." The Moderator presented Rev. Don Ellis as the messenger of the hour. Rev. Ellis's subject was "Typology of the Holy Spirit." Scripture reading from John 16 and Acts 2.

Rev. Day, the host pastor made announcements pertaining to the noon hour. Benediction — Rev. John Rodgers.

### 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator called services to order and read the Pulpit Committee's report as follows: Rev. Harry Beatty to deliver the message on Friday evening and Rev. H. C. Beasley to deliver the message at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

The Womens' Auxiliary presented the program for the afternoon. After the close of the program the Moderator assumed charge and called for business. Oral reports from the Madison County, Triumphant and St. Francois County Sunday School Conventions were given by Rev. Glen Rehkop, Rev. Leslie Logsdon and Rev. C. B. Dees and were accepted as information.

The report from Committee on Committees was re-read. A partial report from the Business Committee was received to be adopted item by item. Items I and II were adopted. (See Reports).

Motion made from the floor that we purchase three fifteen minute Radio periods from Farmington station for purpose of publizing the State Association. Motion made and sustained that the pastors of the Lead Belt Churches, Desloge, 1st Church Flat River, Fellowship, and Leadington be elected as a committee to arrange Radio program.

Motion made and sustained that the same committee publisize the State Meeting in the newspaper.

After announcements motion made and sustained that we adjourn.

Benediction — Rev. Glen Rehkop.

### FRIDAY EVENING — 7:30 P.M.

Services came to order with singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop, Hymns sang No. 65, "He Keeps Me Singing" and No.

163, "Jesus Is All The World To Me." Prayer by Rev. S. A. Hand. Piano solo by Jerry Stacy followed by Quartet number, "Nothing Can Compare" from Fredericktown. The quartet was composed of Shirley Day, Helen McGraw, Juanita Skaggs and Lois White. Hymn No. 187 "Love Lifted Me and "Heavenly Sunlight" was sung by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. Eunice Edwards followed by singing of Chorus, "I Have The Joy."

The Moderator presented Rev. Harry Beatty as the messenger of the evening. After remarks by Rev. Beatty the hymn "Zion Hill" was sung by Rev. S. A. Hand. Rev. Beatty read his scripture from Numbers 22. Text Number 22-18b. Subject: "Minimum and Maximum" Christian Living and Teaching.

After the message several hymns were sung and an invitation extended to the unsaved. Two persons responded. One testified that she was saved. The other ask that we continue in prayer for her.

After announcements the benediction was offered by Bro. Harold Baldwin.

## SATURDAY MORNING — 9:30 A.M.

Services came to order with singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop of hymn No. 206 "I Am Thine O Lord," and No. 210 "Blessed Assurance". Rev. Fred Harris read scripture from Romans 15:1-10 and offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous day was read and accepted. A letter of greetings from Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Matthews of Oklahoma was read as information.

Item No. 3 of Business Committee was read and adopted. (See Report).

The reports of the ordained Ministers were read and accepted.

The Obituary report was read and accepted. (See Report).

After silent prayer in memory of the departed saints mentioned in the Obituary report Rev. Cecil Sheppard led in prayer.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (See Report).

The letter to the State Meeting from the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting was read and received.

Motion made and sustained that the next Yearly Meeting convened with the Leadington Church.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Rev. Glen Rehkop would preach in the afternoon.

The Treasurer report was read and accepted.

Rev. S. A. Hand was elected to preach the introductory message at the next Yearly Meeting with Rev. W. S. Day as alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hesselmeier, Sis. Ed. Sutton, Rev. John Rogers, Sis. Mary Reigh, Sis. Cole and Sis. Gussie Hamblin were elected as corresponding messengers to the Cave Spring Association to meet on Thursday morning before the fourth Sunday in July with the Pleasant Ridge Church.

Benediction — Rev. Truman Huffman.

## 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services began with singing of hymn No. 17 "Love Lifted Me" and No. 67 "Never Alone." Prayer by Rev. James Franklin followed by hymn No. 188 "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Rev. John Long presented Rev. H. C. Beasley who delivered the morning message. After prayer, Rev. Beasley read John 21:3-6 or scripture lesson and used the same as the theme of his message. After the message Rev. Day made announcements. Benediction and blessing upon the food of noon hour by Rev. Truman Huffman.

Services began with singing of hymn No. 98 "Onward Christian Soldiers" and No. 207 "He Hideth My Soul." Prayer by Sis. Sutton.

Rev. Childers, pastor of Free Will Baptist Church Johnson City, Illinois, was recognized as a visiting brother and he, wife and daughter, Mary Belle, expressed greetings.

Business was resumed and the final item No. 4 of Business Committee was adopted. (See Report).

The Denominational Enterprise report was read and accepted to be adopted item by item. Item No. 1 adopted. (See Report). Item No. 2 adopted (See Report). Item No. 3 adopted. (See Report).

Motion carried that \$25.00 be given to State Association Entertainment Fund if needed.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" after which the moderator presented Rev. Glen Rehkop as the messenger for the afternoon service. Rev. Glen Rehkop read for his scripture Ezek. 39:1-6. Text: Ezek. 39:6, "I Will Send A Fire On Magog, And Among Them That Dwell Carelessly In The Isles."

After the message the moderator assumed charge and called for the remaining minutes of the Yearly Meeting to be read and received.

After various church announcements and reports, motion made and sustained to adjourn.

Benediction — Rev. Childers.

## COMMITTEES

### Committee on Committees:

Committee on Committees appointed: Harold Baldwin, Arnold Stone, Don Ellis. Motion carried to accept this committee report as follows: Credentials Committee — Floyd Hesselmeyer, Leamon Killian, Harrison Phillips: Temperance Committee — Rev. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. Mae Heida: Obituary Committee — Mrs. Ed. Sutton, Mrs. Willard Darnell, Mrs. Rosa Sharp: Pulpit Committee — Bro. W. I. Jeemes, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. Myrtle Long: Nominating Committee — Rev. John Rogers, Rev. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Floyd Hesselmeyer: Denominational Enterprise — Rev. James Franklin, Sis. Rolla Smith, Sis. Don Ellis.

### Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee of this Yearly Meeting recommend the following items for your consideration.

Item No. 1 — Since Rev. Don Ellis and wife are leaving for Oklahoma, we recommend that we give them a written recommendation from our association.

Item No. 2 — We recommend that we discuss plans to better inform the people of our on-coming State Association.

Item No. 3 — We recommend that we recend item No. 2 of yesterday, relative to advertising State Meeting, and that we use all spot announcements and paper advertisements and free radio time that is available.

Item No. 4 — We recommend that we insert in our constitution that the Yearly Meeting will begin on Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August and that full information as to date appear on cover of minutes.

### Denominational Enterprise:

We, the Denominational Enterprise Committee, submit the following recommendations:

Item No. 1 — We recommend that the pastors in this Yearly Meeting inform their congregation concerning our Denominational Enterprises and urge their support of the same.

Item No. 2 — We recommend that the pastors inform their members of the monthly Home Missions and Foreign Missions newsletters and the quarterly College Bulletin that are available for the asking and that they urge their people to place their names on the mailing list at the respective offices.

Item No. 3 — Inasmuch as our National Publication "Contact" is serving a very good purpose in informing our people of our work over the States and in Foreign Countries we urge our people to subscribe to it consistently.

### **Credentials Committee:**

We, your Credentials Committee, having carefully considered these reports, submit the following report: Revs. Leslie Logsdon, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Lawrence Thompson, Charles Moyers, Truman Huffman, Albert Halbrook, O. D. Matthews, John Rogers, Cecil Sheppard, H. C. Beasley, John Long, Rolla Smith, Glen Rehkop, Bill Turnbough, Lester Ferguson, George Miller, Dewell Smith, S. A. Head, James Barker, C. B. Dees, George Hibbits, James Franklin, Loy Smith, Willard Darnell, Willard Day.

We recommend that Ministerial cards of Standing for one year be granted these names above.

### **Obituary Committee:**

We, the Obituary Committee of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, report the deaths of the following and request that we bow our heads in prayer in memory of these who have gone to their reward. Deceased are as follows: Charles Bebout, Minnie Wood, C. N. Davis, Cally Hovis, Cicero Brewington, Nellie Golden, Henry Holly, Harley Harper, Rhoda Bradley, Rebecca Byington, Thomas J. Pinkston, Mrs. Nellie Baker.

### **Nominating Committee:**

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend the following names for delegates to the Missouri State Association: Laura Underwood, Edith Underwood, Lindell Hovis, Lillian Hovis, Louise Underwood, Ned Templeton, Birdie Templeton, Mrs. Wm. Cruse, Mrs. Wm. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Dain Ward, Mrs. Juanita Burpo, Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, Mr. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Joe Duffer, Mr. Lewis Chapman, Mrs. Belle Cof-

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING — FROM JULY 1, 1954 TO JULY 1, 1955

	Southside	Berkley City	St. Louis 3rd	St. Louis 4th	Salem	Richwoods	Fellowship	Flat River 1st	Desloge	Leadington	Aulsbury	Farmington	Fredericktown	Copper Mines	Mill Creek	Mine LaMotte	Twin Oak	Union Light	Old Bethel	Marble Hill	Oak Hill	TOTAL
State of Religion	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	v	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Membership July 1, 1954	205		114	25	45	63	175	189	75	131	112	0	285	98	86	49	92	31	27	41	15	1928
Rec'd July 1, '54 to June 30, '55	54		25	14	12	42	16	13	13	15	12	48	22	1	2	1	7	4	1	13	20	331
Number Baptized	19	19	11	1	4	36	3	8	13	5	13	8	13	3		2	3	3	0	26	2	190
Number Dismissed by letter	3	0	15	10	1		0	7		7		3	7	2		2	1	1	0	1		67
Number Excluded	0	2	4	4		1	0	1		0	1	0	0				0	0	0	0		13
Number Deceased	1	0	1	0			0	1		1	3	0	2	1	2		1	1	0	0		13
Resident Members	160	151	119	24	55	73	173	175	65	134	108	41	298	79	80	23	59	27	22	35	17	1923
Non-Resident Members	13	23	2	1	2	32	11	18	4	4	12	99	17	17	8	20	33	6	6	19	3	338
Tot. Membership June 30, '55	235	179	121	25	57	105	184	193	69	138	120	41	397	96	88	48	92	33	28	54	20	2323
Number Tithers		25	30	5	9	9	65	44				15	40	20	6	10	2		4	4		288
Condition of Prayer Meeting	x	v	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	v	x	x	v	x	x	v	x		x
Condition of League	v	v	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	v	x	v	v	x	v		x	x	x	x		x
League Membership	103	79	40		39	54	78	73	35	25	38	24	68	48	25		36	50		34		933
Conditions of Aux. Missions	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	v		0	x	x	x		0			0		x
Membership of Auxiliary	25	21	12	18	9	19	27	25	14	29		0	32	18			0			0		249
Enrollment in Sunday School	250	197	116	86	72	105	205	189	145	165	79	60	204	109	75	60	55	183	33	47	41	2476
Number of Officers	7	5	7	2	2	4	15	12	16	5	4	20	7	3	3	3	2	5	2	2	5	103
Number of Teachers	12	13	10	7	6	5	17	10	6	9	8	6	10	8	5	4	5	13	4	4	3	166
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	6	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	32
No. Licensed Ministers	6	0	1	0	2	0	1	0		2		1	1				0	0	1	1	0	15
No. of Ordained Deacons	5	5	4	1	2	3	7	5	3	2	3	0	6	3	3	4	0	2	2	2	1	64
Value of Church Property	75,000	25,000	25,000		5,000	2,500.00	72,500	25,000		7,500	3,500	25,000	25,000	10,000	9,500	1,800	10,000.00	1,050.00	6,500.00	4,000.00	356,350.	
Amount Paid Pastor	3,845.00	3,588.50	2,730.00	780.00	765.00	1,785.00	4,180.00	4,080.00	2,340.00	2,600	1,300.00	600.00	3,480.00	2,431.38	780.00	1,040.00	460	455	115	1,000.49	10.00	38,365.37
Am't for Evangelistic Work	534.00	150.00		160.00	125.00	90.00	425.00	200.00	170.04	261.79	300.22	60.00	445.00	313.29	52.67	135.58	216.51	247		200.00	56.30	4,238.55
Am't for Building & Repairs	3,287.81	670.93	204.74		649.00	856.46	2,057.39	1,702.42	700.40	12.28	909.20	1,112.50	1,779.37	606.21	1,600.00	30.00		0	108.00	3,057.44	120.10	19,679.97
Am't for Incidentals	951.56	2,564.80	2,757.18	328.80	632.30	687.59	3,845.65	2,576.62	602.22		626.59	322.92	1,386.34	138.72	540.42	88.75	26.00	0	42.55	108.02	10.00	19,131.03
Am't for Foreign Mission	240.00		420.00				514.45	356.10	22.27			25.00				50.00		212.59				1,840.41
Am't for Home Missions	230.36		150.74	24.60	16.00	10.00	450.00		48.25			11.10		58.33								969.38
Am't for Missions		182.00						356.10		58.32	101.70		393.19						17.18	10.60		1,119.09
Am't for Education	821.67		136.20	236.16	88.58		65.00	341.93	164.29			55.05	10.83									1,919.54
Am't for Superannuation								0					256.10									347.15
Am't for Orphanage			60.00				50.00	0	31.05				13.00								5.00	177.28
Am't for Youth Camp		15.28		45.00				0		49.00												6,689.62
Am't for Co-operative Fund	450.00		200.85	253.17	11.25	151.78		1,108.77	168.73	627.03	280.70	145.57	1,014.26	291.03	124.40	199.29	73.60	80.41				41.16
Am't for Headquarter Fund		24.91								16.25												115.97
Am't for Budget																			115.97			115.97
Am't for Minutes	10.00	15.00		2.00		10.00	5.00	20.00	12.00	12.00	2.00	6.00				10.00	1.00	8.00	3.00	1.00		110.00

Legend: "x" good; "v" fair

fey, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. Dove Kennon, Mrs. Mabel David, Mrs. Mary Regh, Mrs. Ed. Sutton, Mrs. Glenda Barks, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Killian, Mr. Oscar Sheppard, Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, Mrs. Pearl Hill, Mrs. Marilyn McDowell, Mr. Alvy Denton, Mr. Frank David, Mr. Floyd Pirtle, Mrs. Christine Pinkley, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Mildred Hildebrand, Mrs. Katie LaBrot, Mrs. Nellie Stegall, Mrs. Nellie Rasnic, Mrs. Edith Foshee.

### **Temperance Committee:**

Inasmuch as there is a determined effort by Satan to destroy the effectiveness of Christ's witnesses, and inasmuch as there seems to be a need for a deeper consecration by all who call themselves Christians, we recommend that prayerful attention be given to Romans 12:1-2.

## **CONSTITUTION**

This organization shall be known as the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and the Madison County Quarterly Meeting.

### **Article I**

When the delegated body shall meet in regular annual session for the transaction of business, the Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order and invite all to take part in congregational singing.

Afer a sufficient number of hymns, the Moderator shall read, or have read, some suitable Scripture, then prayer shall be offered. This Association shall convene on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August.

### **Article II**

Five or more delegates from one or more churches of each Quarterly Meeting comprising this Yearly Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transection of business. However, a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

### **Article III**

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings to be read, dues received (\$4.00 per Church) the delegates seated. All ordained Ministers and their companions and licensed ministers who are in good standing and full fellowship with some church in the Yearly Meeting, together with ordained deacons, church clerks, and church treasurers, shall, by virture of their author-

ity, be standing delegates in this Yearly Meeting.

#### **Article IV**

When all delegates, both elected and standing, have been seated, the body will then proceed to elect officers as required by rule number one governing the organization. All officers elected shall be instructed in the duties of the offices to which they have been elected. The instruction to be given by the Moderator or someone qualified to do so.

#### **Article V**

The Moderator elected shall at once take charge of the meeting and shall, when present, preside over all meetings. In the absence of the Moderator, the assistant Moderator shall preside over the meeting.

#### **Article VI**

The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ruled by the body.

#### **Article VII**

The Moderator shall have the privilege to solicit the help of any minister or delegate present in appointing committees.

#### **Article VIII**

After the organization has been completed, corresponding messengers and visiting brethren from other religious bodies are invited to a seat in council. Should there be letters of greetings or reports from other bodies they may at this time be read.

#### **Article IX**

All items of business coming to this Yearly Meeting, except routine business, must come through the Business Committee or a Committee appointed for that special purpose.

#### **Article X**

Before any question can properly be discussed by the delegated body, it must be brought before the body by a motion properly sustained. All questions are settled by a majority vote of the delegates present. When a question is properly before the body, any regular delegate has a right to speak on the subject. No person shall be allowed to speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject at one time, and not more than twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.

## **Article XI**

The Moderator shall have power to stop all discussions that are leading to confusion.

## **Article XII**

All ordained ministers who are members of this Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting are required to submit in writing a full and complete report of their ministerial activities to this body while in annual session. These reports shall be examined by a Committee on Credentials and submitted to the body for approval. Failure to make said report forfeits their rights to a Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

## **Article XIII**

Official papers of this Yearly Meeting must be signed by the Moderator of the Yearly Meeting and the Secretary.

## **Article XIV**

Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to the Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the organization and two (2) delegates for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof belonging to the said Quarterly Meeting.

## **Article XV**

Any person who is a delegate to this Yearly Meeting wishing to speak on any subject properly before the Body, shall arise and address the chair, by saying, "Brother Moderator," or "Brother Chairman" and shall speak no farther until they have been recognized by the Moderator.

## **Article XVI**

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

## **BY-LAWS ADOPTED FOR THE BODY Known As**

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Churches, and at the present date, composed of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

No. 1 — The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Secretary-Treasurer who

shall also serve as Statistician. There shall also be an Executive Board of three or more members who are actively engaged in work of the Free Will Baptist Church in Southeast Missouri.

No. 2 — The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

No. 3 — Choice of these officers shall be made by nomination and by legal vote. In case where there is but one nominee the officer shall be elected by acclamation.

No. 4 — The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not be elected jointly but shall be elected separately by nomination and by legal vote.

No. 5 — The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote as the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. He or she will hold the office for one year, and be paid a salary agreed upon by him or her and the body. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be the same person. It shall be the duty of said officer to keep an accurate record of the proceedings in a book or books furnished him or her by the body. The said officer agrees faithfully to discharge all the duties of the office willingly in the interest of the cause of the Free Will Baptists everywhere.

No. 6 — The Executive Board shall be elected as other officers but shall serve a term of three years; terms to expire alternately. It shall be the duty of said board between sessions of the Yearly Meeting to be in charge of the work in a general way. They shall act as an advisory body for each local body composing this Yearly Meeting. They shall at all times have at heart the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination and in all cases, act without partiality or respect of persons.

They agree to discharge their duty or duties faithfully to work according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the usages of the Yearly Meeting that they are to serve. Should money or any other property of the Yearly Meeting be entrusted to them they shall handle, hold, and convey said property with the greatest possible care, and will be able at all times to give a full and complete report of all property to the proper authorities.

No. 7 — These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amend-

## PROCEEDINGS Of The MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference met in its Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo., November 20 1954.

In the absence of the President the services was opened by Rev. James Barker. Devotional led by Rev. Don Ellis, read Psalm 100 using the 8th and 9th verses for devotional thought. Prayer, Rev. John Long. Invitation for new members given. Rev. H. C. Beasley, responding. After reading of the By-Laws he was received into the Conference.

Election of Officers. President — Rev. Glen Rehkop, Vice-President Rev. James Franklin. These having been elected to fill the unexpired terms of Rev. Fred Kirby who has moved from the bounds of our Conference. Committee appointed to arrange a permanent Identification card: Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. Don Ellis.

Rev. Don Ellis appointed to take Fred Kirby's place on Committee to obtain Identification Card. Motion made to contact National Association about Permanent card.

Hymn No. 144 "Lord Send Me." Prayer Rev. Harry Asher.

Message — Rev. H. C. Beasley. Subject "Ignorance vs. Truth." Text—Hosea 4:6.

1:15 P.M.

Devotional led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Song, "Just Over In The Gloryland." Scripture Daniel 3:3-18. Prayer Rev. Don Ellis. Session on Parliamentary Law. Financial report read and received.

A report from the Credential Committee was given. Motion made that the matter of Credential Cards be left in the hands of the Committee to report later.

Motion made and second that "Free Will Baptist Doctrine" and the "Church And Its Aux." be the subject suggested for the Extension School to be held the 17th-28th of January in the vicinity of Flat River.

Motion made and sustained that the Annual Ministers Conference convene with the Richwoods Church. Motion to adjourn. Benediction: Rev. Rolla Smith.

## ANNUAL MEETNIG

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its Fifteenth Annual Conference with the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, May 14, 1955.

The devotional for the morning service was conducted by Rev. John Long with Rev. H. C. Beasley conducting the singing. Hymn No. 126 "To The Work" was sung followed with prayer by Rev. James Barker. Hymn No. 97. "The Haven of Rest" Scripture reading and comments from Romans 12 was given by Rev. John Long.

Election of Officers: President Rev. Glen Rehkop; Vice President, Rev. James Franklin; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook. After the election of officers, hymns No. 106 "The Old Account Settled" and No. 140 "Just Over In The Glory Land" was sung followed with prayer by Rev. Harry Asher.

The following Business Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Rolla Smith Rev. James Franklin, Rev. James Barker.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Albert Tucker in the absence of Rev. Willard Day. Scripture reading was read from 1st Peter 1:17, 18; and 4:16. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Buster. After the message a fellowship handshake was enjoyed while singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

### 12:45 P.M.

Services opened by Moderator Rev. Glen Rehkop. Rev. Harry Asher read for devotions II Cor. 5:7. Singing led by Rev. James Barker of hymn No. 251 "Take The Name Of Jesus With You." Prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Rev. James Barker led a discussion on Parlimentary Procedures.

The Financial report was read and received. Balance on hand \$30.50.

The Business Committee gave oral report consisting of one item as follows: That this body give the Richwoods Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality during this session. The item was adopted.

Motion made and sustained that the Semi-annual conference convene with the Southside Church.

After various announcements, motion was made to adjourn.

Benediction offered by Rev. John Long.

## **THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

The seventh session of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention held their Yearly Meeting with the Fredericktown Church, August 12, 1955.

The meeting was called to order by Sis. Blanche Pogue. The theme of the meeting is "The Hour to Train." Congregation singing hymn "Rescue The Perishing." Scripture reading II Timothy 2. Prayer by Sis. Agnes Smith. The roll call of each Auxiliary with 65 members present. The minutes were read and approved. A special number by the Coppermines Auxiliary. Topic "Workers Together With God," by Sis. Marlyn Wilson. Song "He Set Me Free", by the Fredericktown G.T.A. Girls. Topic "Requirements of a Good Worker," by Sis. Hesselmeyer. Song "Work Where You Are", by Desloge.

Treasurer report read and accepted. The report of the Nominating Committee Obituary Committee and the Business Committee were read and accepted. At this time Sis. McFarland led the congregation in a praise service. Benediction — Sis. Agnes Smith.

### **Business Committee:**

We, your Business Committee submit the following recommendations:

Item No. 1 — We recommend that we have three workshops the coming year to be held the second Thursday in November at First Church in Flat River. The second Thursday in February at Coppermines, the second Thursday in May at Berkley City.

Item No. 2 — We recommend that we give \$25.00 to our State Auxiliary Convention and \$10.00 to the State Entertainment Fund.

Item No. 3 — We recommend that we express to Mrs. Don Ellis our appreciation for the help she has been to our Convention during the past two years and that this expression be by standing for a prayer for their success in their field of service.

### **Obituary Committee:**

We, your Obituary Committee submit the following names whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called from our

midst Sis. Minnie Wood, Cally Hovis, Nellie Golden, Rhoda Bradley and Rebecca Byington. Be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to His will.

## Nominating Committee:

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following officers to serve us this coming year.

President .....	Blanche Pogue
Enlistment Chairman .....	Mrs. H. C. Beasley
Youth Chairman .....	Mrs. Glen Rehkop
Study Course Chairman .....	Mrs. Willard Day
Program Chairman .....	Mrs. John Rogers
Benevolence Chairman .....	Mrs. John Long
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Christine Pinkley

ment has been given.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand end of last Conv. Year .....	\$45.64
For rental of film .....	\$15.00
Received \$.30 per member.	
Coppermines Aux. ....	\$5.40
Fellowship Aux. ....	\$4.50
Desloge Aux. ....	\$4.20
Southside .....	\$3.30
Salem Aux. ....	\$3.30
Fredericktown .....	\$10.80
4th Church St. Louis .....	\$4.50
Richwood .....	\$6.50
Leadington .....	\$5.70
1st Church Flat River .....	\$7.50
Total .....	\$55.70

At Workshop an offering of \$10.95 was taken to pay for the programs that were printed which was \$7.00. Programs costs \$4.50 for the Aux. Workshops.

Total .....	\$86.34
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### Disbursements

Printing of Yearly Meeting Minutes .....	\$8.40
2/3 dues for State .....	\$37.00
State Auxiliary Convention .....	\$25.00
State Entertainment Fund .....	\$10.00
Total .....	\$80.40
Balance on Hand .....	\$6.10

Secretary-Treasurer  
CHRISTINE PINKLEY

